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Hunt Quickly Dropped From White House

C.I.A. Aide's Affidavit Cites Deletion of Name

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WASHINGTON, July 11—The White House recalled an internal telephone directory shortly after the June, 1972, Watergate break-in and reissued it without listing E. Howard Hunt Jr. as a consultant, a document released by the House Judiciary Committee showed today.

The document was an affadavit supplied by an unnamed Central Intelligence Agency official who was assigned to liaison duty at the White House in 1972.

Most of the names in the two - page statement, dated Jan. 17, 1974, and given to the House committee by the C.I.A., were deleted at the request of the intelligence agency.

"Shortly after my assignment at the Executive Office Building [across the street from the White House]," the employe's statement said, "a new telephone list was issued by the White House and it contained Hunt's name. The White House recalled the phone listings without reason and reissued them—we noted that Hunt's name had been deleted."

No Source for Order

The House documents did not indicate who had ordered that a new telephone book be issued or why such an order had been given. The information was contained in a section of the committee's statement of information that dealt with the events immediately following the Watergate break-in—events that indicated that the Nixon Administration was actively seeking to cover up Mr. Hunt's White House connection.

Mr. Hunt retired from the intelligence agency in 1971 after working for it 20 years. He was subsequently employed by Charles W. Colson, a White House special counsel, as a $100-a-day consultant and worked that summer with the "plumbers" unit investigating Dr. Daniel Ellsberg.

Mr. Hunt maintained his relationship with Mr. Colson's office until his involvement in the break-in at the Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate office building on June 17, 1972.

The employe statement released today noted that he and others in the liaison office had routinely transmitted sealed envelopes from Mr. Hunt to the C.I.A. The official noted that a predecessor in his liaison job told him that he had once opened one of Mr. Hunt's letters and that it appeared "to contain 'gossip' information assumed that it had something to do with a psychological study of that person."

During the summer and fall of 1971, Mr. Hunt was working with the C.I.A. on a psychological profile of Mr. Ellsberg, about an unknown person—he who has said he made copies of the Pentagon papers available to the press.

Receipts Destroyed

After the telephone book was reissued, the employe's statement said, "We—at a date unknown—decided that it was not prudent nor necessary to retain the receipts for envelopes which he had transmitted from him [Mr. Hunt] to C.I.A. and we destroyed these receipts."

At the time, the unnamed writer said, he and his secretary had "frequently speculated about the possible involvement of Howard Hunt and the Watergate affair and the possible involvement of the agency."

Later, because he felt strongly that his C.I.A. superiors should know of the Hunt connection, he said, he arranged a meeting in May, 1973, with James R. Schlesinger, then the director of the intelligence agency, and discussed his concerns with him.

"I said that I was aware of some information that was not first-hand but which I had verified and that I felt it had implications which might embarrass the agency," the statement writer said. Mr. Schlesinger, who is now Secretary of Defense, "seemed surprised and unaware of any such link" to Watergate, according to the affadavit.

Later, the statement continued, the employe was told that his report about Mr. Hunt's activities ahd been brought to Mr. Schlesinger's attention.

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